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SUBJECT: HEAD OF LIBYA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS NOT JUST ABOUT OIL REF: TRIPOLI 227

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#). (C) Summary: The head of Libya's national economic planning apparatus and the effort to implement Muammar al-Qadhafi's vision for govern LIBYA: "PRECIOUS" IN TERMS OF OIL RESERVES AND STRATEGIC LOCATION

[2](#). (C) Visiting NEA/MAG Director Stephanie Williams met with Dr. Mahmoud Jibril, Chair of Libya's Economic Development Board and head of the U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE REASSESSED: IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT OIL

[3](#). (C) Arguing that the U.S.-Libya relationship needs "a common frame of reference", Jibril offered that the U.S. approaches relationships as

[4](#). (C) Arguing that there had been "too much talk and not enough deeds" in the U.S.-Libya relationship since ties were re-established in 2004,

[5](#). (C) Responding to a question about how the global financial crisis was affecting Libya's plans for government restructuring and privatize
1) a one to three year dip in oil prices and a global recession;
2) a global recession leading to a depression; and,
3) a global recession and a relatively quick recovery. He believed global stability could be achieved within one to three years, but predicted

[6](#). (C) Responding to the assertion that potential investors in Libya are confused about myriad, ill-defined plans for restructuring and priv ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, EDUCATION REFORM & HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ARE KEY

[7](#). (C) Dr. Jibril said he expected oil prices to pick up, but not to reach the USD100/barrel mark. He took this as a sign that Libya needs

[8](#). (C) Jibril said Libya is looking for U.S. companies with which to partner in all technology development, hospital management and human resc

[9](#). (C) Jibril also outlined a program of Digital Video Conferences (DVC's) the EDB was coordinating with Georgetown, Princeton, Harvard and Y STEVENS